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SUBJECT: TENTATIVE ITINERARY FOR SECRETARY BERGLAND'S
TRIP TO MEXICO

1. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25 - ARRIVAL MEXICO CITY AIRPORT AT
1606. SECRETARY TO BE MET IN VIP LOUNGE BY AMBASSADOR,
AGATT, EMBASSY OFFICERS, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE MERINO
RABAGO AND OFFICIALS OF GOM SECRETARIAT OF AGRICULTURE
(SARH). NO PRESS CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED. FROM AIRPORT
SECRETARY WILL GO TO MARIA ISABEL HOTEL. EVENING FREE.

2. THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 - LEAVE FROM MEXICO CITY AIRPORT
FOR CULIACAN, SINALOA VIA SARH AIRCRAFT IN COMPANY OF
SECRETARY MERINO RABAGO AND OTHERS AT 9:00 AM ARRIVING
9:30 AM CULIACAN TIME (10:30 CST). SECRETARIES AND
PARTIES WILL GO DIRECTLY TO SARH LOCAL OFFICES AND
DISCUSS FOLLOWING TOPICS:

A) MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT FLY

B) LACIE PROJECT - REMOTE SENSING

C) LIVESTOCK PROJECTS: 1. SCREW WORM, 2. FOOT AND MOUTH

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DISEASE, 3. CATTLE TICKS, 4. EXPORT OF MEXICAN BULL SEMEN
D) ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANNUAL OR SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING SECRE-
TARIES OF AGRICULTURE U. S. AND MEXICO FOR CONSULTATION
PURPOSES. (GOM WOULD PREFER TO ISSUE PREPARED STATEMENTS
TO PRESS RATHER THAN HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE. THE STATE-
MENTS ARE NOW BEING PREPARED.)

AT NOON SECRETARY AND GROUP WILL VISIT NEIGHBORING FARMS TO SEE OILSEED AND VEGETABLE GROWING AREAS AND WILL ALSO VISIT VEGETABLE EXPORT PACKING SHED. AT 1330 GROUP TO VISIT EXPERIMENT STATION. LUNCH WILL BE AT 1430. AT 1600 JOINT PRESS STATEMENT TO BE DELIVERED. DEPARTURE FOR MEXICO CITY AT 1630 ARRIVING AT 1800 PM MEXICO CITY. AT 8:00 PM A DINNER IN HONOR OF SECRETARY WILL BE OFFERED BY AMBASSADOR LUCEY WITH INVITEES TO INCLUDE SECRETARIES OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE AND OTHER GOM OFFICIALS.

3. FRIDAY, JANUARY 27 - BREAKFAST MEETING 8:30 AM WITH SECRETARY OF COMMERCE JORGE DE LA VEGA AT HIS REQUEST IN HIS OFFICE WITH SECRETARY BERGLAND AND A LIMITED PARTY. THOSE NOT ATTENDING BREAKFAST WILL GO DIRECTLY TO PRESIDENTIAL HANGAR AT AIRPORT. SECRETARY'S PARTY WILL GO TO SARH OFFICE AT 1000 MEET SECRETARY MERINO AND GO WITH HIM TO AIRPORT AT 1040. ENTIRE GROUP WILL GO VIA HELICOPTER TO REFORESTATION PROJECT AT LAKE TEXCOCO. (NOTE: THIS TAKES PLACE OF VISIT TO LABORATORIES OF INIA AT CHAPINGO. MERINO FELT WORK AT INIA AND CIMMYT SIMILAR AND COULD BE BETTER VIEWED AT CIMMYT.) AT 1140 GROUP LEAVES FOR CIMMYT ARRIVING 12 NOON FOR INSPECTION OF EXPERIMENTAL GROUNDS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH SENIOR STAFF. LUNCHEON TO BE HELD AT 2:00 PM AT CIMMYT DINING ROOM. DEPART FOR MEXICO CITY AT 3:30, ARRIVING ABOUT 4:45. IF POSSIBLE, 5:30 MEETING WITH EMBASSY AND USDA EMPLOYEES IN EMBASSY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AUDITORIUM. AT 8:00 PM SECRETARY BERGLAND, AMBASSADOR LUCEY, AND SECRETARY MERINO CALL ON PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO AT LOS PINOS.

4. SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 - SECRETARY TO DEPART FOR WASHINGTON AT 9:48 AM ON EASTERN FLIGHT 908.

5. CONTROL OFFICER FOR VISIT IS AGATT DONALD NELSON. LUCEY

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